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Continued high temperatures, low humidity and severe drought conditions bring increased risk of wildland fires for the mountains and valleys of Los Angeles County and fire season is twelve months out of the year now. The Los Angeles County Fire Department has several tools they use to combat fires, including water-dropping helicopters. While the helicopters serve as an excellent fire suppression resource, the County has used SuperScoopers for the past several years in conjunction with helicopters. This combination of helicopters and SuperScoopers has enabled the Los Angeles County Fire Department to protect lives and property. The County currently leases these planes from Canada and they are scheduled to arrive in early September.

When Los Angeles County Fire Department initially began leasing the SuperScoopers, purchasing them was cost prohibitive. Due to the extreme ongoing risk of fire associated with the drought, it is imperative that the Los Angeles County Fire Department re-evaluate the possibility of purchasing SuperScoopers. Since these aircrafts are such a valuable tool for the region, we should explore, purchasing, leasing and partnerships with other public entities for SuperScoopers, rotary and fixed-wing aircrafts. In addition, the Los Angeles County Fire Department is completing a comprehensive assessment of their current aircraft program to provide strategic replacement and expansion recommendations for rotary and fixed-wing aircrafts.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Fire Chief and the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board:

1. On purchasing, leasing and partnerships with other public entities for the operation of Superscoopers, rotary and fixed-wing aircrafts ; and
2. The status of the Los Angeles County Fire Department's comprehensive assessment of the current aircraft program.

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